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8 March 1960

STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 8 March 1960

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PRESENT: Col. Burke

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Col. Beerli

Col. Geary

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1. CONSOLIDATED FUND - Col. Burke announced that all personnel in the Division would receive during the week envelopes for voluntary contributions to the National Health and Crusade for Freedom charity drives. He urged branch chiefs to encourage personnel to give some amount in order to realize 100% participation by the Division.

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2. FE AIR OPERATIONS

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a. [ ] operations are now in progress. Weather has created a twenty-four hour delay but a go-no-go briefing will be held this afternoon after a mission planning meeting.

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b. [ ] - There are no [ ] missions planned for March.

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c. C-54 LANDINGS [ ] - A message from [ ] critical of C-54 arrivals at [ ] without warning has been received and reviewed at Headquarters. A check indicates that the station had received notice in ample time. (Following the staff meeting, a message was received admitting that internal station policy was at fault in that the Chief of Station did not see a copy of the message until after the aircraft had arrived.)

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3. MESSAGES AND CORRESPONDENCE UNANSWERED

a. Col. Burke disclosed that in discussions with Detachment Commanders their primary criticism of Headquarters was that cabled messages were not always answered nor were interim replies received in those cases where, by the subject matter, immediate action was ruled out. In some cases, no answer at all was received until the field requested. To prevent this Col. Burke has advised each Commander to let him know monthly what messages have not been answered. He indicated another area of complaint from ZI Commanders was that

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telephone calls requesting action or agreeing to same are not followed up by confirming cables. While deploring use of the telephone for carrying on business, Col. Burke directed that in those cases where time factor made a call necessary, a confirming message follow.

ACTION: Col. Burke, all Branch Chiefs

b. Col. Burke advised that the Agency policy of answering a cable within forty-eight hours or sending an interim reply will be strongly enforced in DPD. In those cases where, by nature of the incoming request, it is obvious that action cannot be taken and is not expected to be taken within this forty-eight hour period, an interim reply may not be necessary. Where there is any doubt in these cases, all cable originators are advised to consult Col. Burke for decision.

ACTION: All Branch Chiefs

c. Col. Burke disclosed that letters from field Commanders addressed to him personally sometimes do not arrive at his office until months after the date of requested action. He requested that the Registry Section be instructed to send all such letters to him in the first instance and then he will redirect it to the action Branch. In addition to the Commanders' letters, all incoming correspondence which is of a policy nature, or which by its subject matter, should be referred to the Division Chief immediately, and will be routed to him upon receipt.

ACTION: Administrative Branch

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ACTION: [redacted] and Col. Geary

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5. PERSONNEL AT [redacted]

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a. [redacted] advised that the Air Force has been requested to provide a time schedule of arrivals by AFSC of people previously requested. This will give knowledge of adequacy or inadequacy of present strength and provide a basis to determine what the TDY needs of the Detachment will be. Col. Burke stated that he did not want to wait

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for the return of [ ] since a recent message from [ ] pointed up their immediate requirements. Col. Beerli replied that a message was being sent to the field asking for specific personnel requirements. Upon receipt of the answer efforts will be made to provide temporary replacements from Detachment 1.

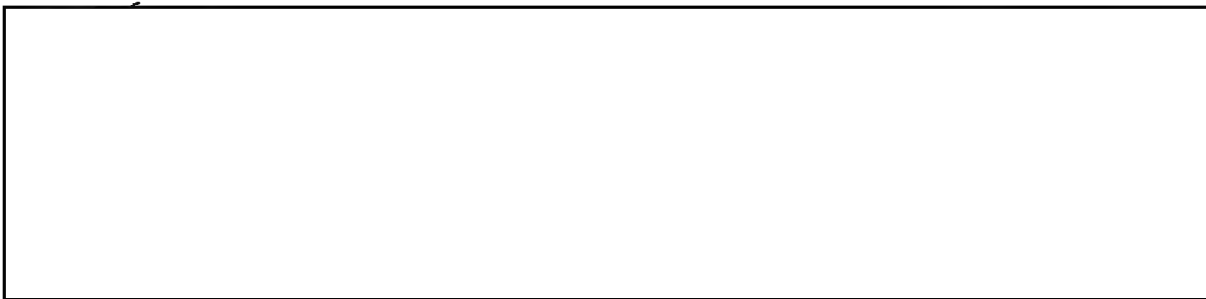
ACTION: Administrative and Personnel Branches

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b. Col. Burke also requested that the status of [ ] request to detail [ ] to that post be checked. This is a proposal that the present [ ] whose tour has expired be picked up on CIA rolls but left in his present location as [ ]

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ACTION: [ ]

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7. FY-'60 BUDGET - SAVINGS AND DEFICIT - [ ] agreed to meet with Col. Burke at 1600 hours this date to present the report of deficits or savings estimated for the current fiscal year. He indicated that all branches had complied with last week's request to provide the information but he emphasized that changes were being made on an almost daily basis due to unexpected requirements. As an example, he pointed out that the [ ] cited para 6 above was a [ ] item that had been unprogrammed.

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Instructions have gone out to all the branches for preparation of budget for '61-'62. Operations Branch has agreed to have the Operations concept paper covering the entire program completed by 15 March. Copies will then be distributed to the branches and a preliminary look at the over-all budget will begin 1 April.

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[ ] requested that a meeting be held to assign action on various memoranda required by the Office of the DD/P in preparing the budget. Col. Burke proposed that he meet with [ ] that date and assign tasks.

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8. CIA AIR OBJECTIVES - [ ] reported that he expects to have at the end of this week the initial draft of his review of CIA Air objectives. Meetings have been held with the Operations and Administrative Branches and basic assumptions agreed upon. The branches concerned will prepare proposals on the receipt of assumptions review by Developments Branch.

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ACTION: [ ]

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9. MALFUNCTION REPORT - [ ] reported that malfunctions are continuing in tracker equipment and that constant checks are being made. Col. Burke requested that contractor be queried as to loss of effectiveness.

A recent malfunction in one of the B configurations raised the query of whether the equipment was worn out or whether field maintenance was to blame. Malfunction was caused by a latch pin being improperly secured. Col. Burke requested that a letter be sent to the Detachment to determine if normal inspection of equipment would have revealed the faulty pin.

ACTION: Materiel Branch

Detachment C is experiencing some equipment problems in System 3. These are being checked by the R-W tech rep there and a summary report is expected in two weeks.

ACTION: Materiel and Communications Branches

Col. Burke also requested that in any malfunction reports, a check be made with the Test Site to determine if the field was getting the benefits of their findings.

Col. Burke also requested that the Development Branch determine in the tracker malfunctions whether the equipment is reworked or original.

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10. RECRUITMENT - REPLACEMENT [ ] - At a meeting held in Mr. Cunningham's office on 4 March, [ ] and [ ] discussed the question of [ ] Conclusion of the group was that before final determination could be made on the type of personnel, a study should be forwarded to Mr. Bissell outlining the pros and cons [ ] and containing specific recommendations.

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ACTION: [ ]

11. DPD ACTION ON EARLY TAKE DELIVERY - As a result of a study made to expedite the processing and handling of take, it is being recommended that EK's laboratory be refurbished and new equipment installed. An activity program to accomplish this will be written.

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25X1A 12. 7TH AIR DIVISION COMMANDER CHALICE/ [ ] BRIEFING - Mr. Cunningham reported that the 7th Air Division Commander, General Westover, and the 3rd Air Force Commander, General Moore, were both CHALICE cleared and had been briefed, the former, in 1956 while at March AFB, the latter, in 1958 by [ ]. As far as could be determined, neither had received [ ] briefings but the belief was expressed that they were probably witting of some [ ]. It was decided that USAFE should bring General Moore up to date.

ACTION: Col. Geary

25X1A 13. CAT C-130 TRAINING - A meeting was held on the 7th of March in Col. Burke's office relative to reimbursement and cover for CAT C-130 training. Present, in addition to Col. Burke, were [ ] Assistant DD/S; Mr. Houston, OGC; [ ] and [ ] [ ] pointed out that the increasing scope of FE Air Operations has raised two problems at [ ] (1) How to explain the semi-monthly absence of [ ] and (2) How to reimburse for loss of revenue resulting from their absence. He pointed out that the loss of three crews each month was a sizeable amount. It was agreed that some reimbursement mechanism should be devised that would enable money to be passed indirectly to [ ]. A proposal was made that an amendment be written to the existing "booklift" contract between the [ ] and [ ].

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As a result of these discussions, it became evident that an activity program would have to be drawn up covering these plans, not only for the balance of this fiscal year but for the '60-'61 budget. This program should use as a planning factor four crews.

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25X1A Col. Burke directed that [ ] prepare a letter for Mr. Bissell's signature to be sent to the Air Force requesting concurrence on the proposed amendment. The letter should point out the required financial needs and also advance reasons why it is necessary to provide cover mechanism now, not when an incident takes place. The contract will not specify the type of aircraft being used. It proposed that the amendment be effective 1 April; it will not be retroactive.

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14. TEST STATUS BOARD - The tests on the dual oxygen seat pack are expected to be completed soon.

Tests on slipper tanks were completed this past week.

U-2 Number 360 has been ferried to B with slipper tanks. This provides B with three J-75 equipped aircraft, all with slippers. Each of them has flown the required profile.

15. CORONA - The next CORONA shot will be number 1055 on March 16. It is a substitute for 1053 which will not be fired 21 March. 1055 will have a camera payload, 1053 GRD equipment.

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16. OXCART - There were no significant developments in Project OXCART this past week. A tentative date for a Supplier's meeting at the end of March is being discussed. [ ] reported that a detailed construction study has been received from [ ] and is available in Materiel.

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17. J-75 PROFILE WITH SLIPPERS - A total of ten profile missions at 70,000 feet have been conducted. Results show that they flew nine hours and fifty minutes for a total of [ ] miles with 100 gallons of fuel remaining at high cone, with no wind. An additional five missions were flown at 68,000 feet with results of, again, 100 gallons at high cone, for a total of ten hours and fifteen minutes and [ ] miles.

The following aircraft, are overseas and equipped with slippers: 351, 358 and 360 at Baand 353 at C.

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[ ] reported on the tests at Edwards stating that the use of slipper tanks has created no problem. He revealed that book curves have been met in these tests. However, he pointed out that a by-product of slipper use was found in auto pilot difficulties in that they experienced a difficult time in coping with the extra weight which resulted in clutch slippage. [ ] is conducting experiments to increase the clutch friction 10 or 15 PSI which will require high overpower.

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[ ] indicated that the auto pilot was the biggest single problem and would require a good deal of checking before being certified for a mission. He recommended that prior to each operational mission a test with full load be flown in the aircraft to be used in order to have a reliable auto pilot. He also indicated that flying at high altitudes affects the radio and inverter and that these must be checked more closely. In addition, small corrections are required in various systems, such as the alternator and AC Generator in System 6. Tests will continue to erase these problems.

18. OTHER ITEMS -

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a. Col. Burke requested that [ ] make contact with [ ] to determine the latest capabilities of the opposition in Air Defense. He placed a high priority on this requirement.

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b. Col. Geary raised the question of releasing three J-75 engines to the Air Force.

ACTION: Col. Geary

c. Col. Burke requested that a sanitized memorandum to the Air Force providing the Ops order for March FE operations be forwarded immediately, and that the same thing should be done prior to April operations.

ACTION: Operations Branch



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